

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 082292-00000US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. National Phase of  
PCT/AT00/00146 of:

**HELMUT BACHER, et al.**

Application No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
PREPARING PLASTIC MATERIAL,  
IN PARTICULAR, THERMOPLASTIC  
MATERIAL**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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San Francisco, CA 94111  
November 5, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please substitute the following amended, clean version of the Abstract (a marked-up version of the changes to the Abstract is attached to this Amendment):

**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PREPARING PLASTIC MATERIAL,**

**IN PARTICULAR, THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A device for preparing plastic material, in particular, thermoplastic material, comprises a receptacle (1) for the material, in which rotating tools (21) are provided to act onto the material which are supported by a support disc (9) and rotate about a vertical axis (8) of the receptacle (1). Driving of the support disc (9) is effected by a shaft (4) which passes through